



**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

DATE: May 17, 2016

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
By: Joel Joyce, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Support for research on a planned community

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Receive a letter of support for research and development of a planned community for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and aging seniors who are medically fragile.

**BACKGROUND**

Health and Human Services is sending a letter that supports research and development for the appropriate, affordable and sustainable housing for individuals throughout our region that are: 1) aging/medically fragile seniors and 2) Individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action has no fiscal impact.

Attachment: Letter of Support

May 10, 2016

Louis A. Vismara, MD,  
Consultant for AKT Development

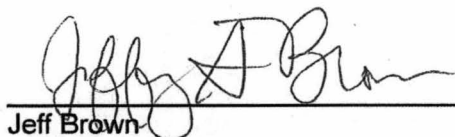
On behalf of the Placer County Health and Human Services Department, I support the effort of AKT Development Corporation in partnership with University Development Foundation to bring affordable and sustainable housing for vulnerable populations to Placer County

The availability of appropriate, affordable and sustainable housing is an issue that challenges an increasing number of individuals throughout our region. Although this impacts a diverse array of individuals, recent studies have underscored that appropriate housing may be particularly difficult for aging/medically fragile seniors and individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Specifically, studies indicate that there is a pending "tsunami" of both populations that will completely overwhelm our existing accommodations and resources. These populations could greatly benefit from a new model of housing and community development. This new model can be designed to support their unique needs, and the needs of their families and caregivers. Common factors with these two populations include chronic healthcare issues, assisted living supports, socialization opportunities, innovative technology supports, transportation, universal-design housing, and public safety for vulnerable individuals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [jbrown@placer.ca.gov](mailto:jbrown@placer.ca.gov) or (530) 745-3191.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Brown  
Placer County Health and Human Services Director